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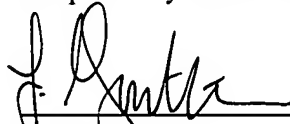
The citations listed on attached PTO Form 1449 may be material to the examination of the subject application. Applicant submits copies of these references in compliance with the duty of disclosure defined in 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97-1.99. The Examiner is requested to review and make these references of record in the above-referenced application.

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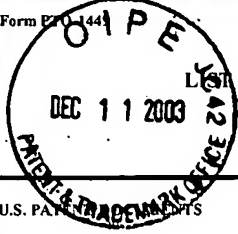
Applicant respectfully requests expeditious examination and a favorable action on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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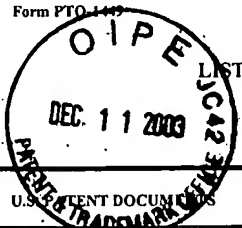
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